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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN  
THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON JANUARY 27,  
1917, AT 7:30 P. M.

There were present President Townley and Directors Curtis, Burckhalter, Cornish, Hodghead, Markwart and Richardson.

The following were elected Life Members of the Society:

- Mr. John J. Crane, Sandwich, Mass.
- Miss Annie M. Alexander, Oakland, Cal.
- Mr. George F. Volkmann, 301 Second Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. Henry F. Fortmann, 85 Second Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. A. F. Morrison, Crocker Building, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. Franklin P. Nutting, 339 Holbrook Building, San Francisco, California.
- Mr. John A. McGregor, 2567 Green Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. Wm. Sproule, Flood Building, San Francisco, Cal.

The following persons were elected as Active or ordinary members of the Society:

- Mr. Henry K. Hyde, Ware, Mass.
- Mrs. Lydia S. Hinchman, 3635 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Mr. Frank H. Welch, 14 Bank Street, Brunswick, Me.
- Mr. James Hartness, 30 Orchard Street, Springfield, Vt.
- Mr. Edison Pettit, Washburn College Observatory, Topeka, Kan.
- Mr. Frederick C. Leonard, F.R.A.S., 1338 Madison Park, Chicago, Ill.
- Mr. John A. Cook, 123½ Vine Street, Macon, Mo.
- Mr. Frederick M. Lee, 401 Mills Building, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. F. B. Anderson, Bank of California, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. Rudolph J. Taussig, 200 Mission Street, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. Robert A. Roos, Stockton and Market streets, San Francisco, California.
- Mr. L. E. Blochman, 2434 Bowditch Street, Berkeley, Cal.
- Mr. Charles L. Trabert, 2736 Elmwood Ave., Berkeley, Cal.
- Hon. Warren Olney, Sr., 427 Twenty-ninth Street, Oakland, Cal.
- Mons. N. T. Turchinovich, Liteiny 30, Petrograd, Russia.
- Professor John E. Williams, Ceres, California.
- Mr. Edward Counihan, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. E. P. Lewis, University of California, Berkeley, Cal.
- Mr. M. J. Fontana, San Francisco, Cal.
- Dr. Stanley Stillman, San Francisco, Cal.
- Mr. H. N. Massey, 1634 Milvia Street, Berkeley, Cal.

The following were elected as Student Members:

- Mr. Wallace Campbell, Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Cal.
- Mr. Tomas S. Vanasek, Students' Observatory, Berkeley, Cal.
- Mr. Carlos S. Mundt, Students' Observatory, Berkeley, Cal.

The following institutional members were elected:

Director, Dominion Astronomical Observatory, Victoria, B. C.  
L'Observatoire Astronomique, de l'Universite Imperial, Odessa,  
Russia.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL  
SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY  
HALL OF THE PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO,  
ON JANUARY 27, 1917, AT 8:15 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President Townley.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved as printed in the PUBLICATIONS.

The annual report of the Treasurer, as printed elsewhere, was read and approved.

The report of the Comet Medal Committee for 1916 was read by Dr. H. D. Curtis, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMET-MEDAL COMMITTEE.

MOUNT HAMILTON, January 16, 1917.

Only two unexpected comets were observed during the year 1916, the smallest number in many years. These were:

1916a—Unexpected comet discovered by M. G. Neujmin, at Simeis, Russia, on February 24, 1916.

1916b—Unexpected comet discovered by Dr. Max Wolf, at Heidelberg, Germany, on April 27, 1916. This comet at discovery had a greater geocentric distance than any other comet at time of discovery. It will be visible during the greater part of the present year, and may become a conspicuous object.

Encke's periodic comet was photographed by Dr. Max Wolf on September 22, 1916. The comet at this time was only one month past the aphelion, and the observation can therefore hardly be said to have been made "on the return of the comet." This is the first time that any comet has been observed, visually or photographically, when in the neighborhood of aphelion passage, and the event deserves special notice.

A comet discovery was announced by Dr. Joel Metcalf on November 24, 1916, but the object proved to be an asteroid.

In accordance with the statutes the Donohoe Comet-Medal has been awarded for the discoveries of Comet *a* and *b*.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on the Comet-Medal:

W. W. CAMPBELL,  
R. H. TUCKER,  
H. D. CURTIS.

(EIGHTY-NINTH) AWARD OF THE DONOHOE COMET-MEDAL.

The Comet-Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Mr. M. G. Neujmin, of Simeis, Russia, for the discovery of an unexpected comet on February 24, 1916.

Committee on the Comet-Medal:

W. W. CAMPBELL,  
R. H. TUCKER,  
H. D. CURTIS.